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NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER: N02CM37001-05

Amendment No.: 1

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The above numbered Request For Proposal (RFP) is amended as set forth below. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offerors remains unchanged.

Offerors MUST acknowledge receipt of the amendment prior to the hour and the date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by separate letter, telegram, or Electronic Mail which includes a reference to the RFP and Amendment number(s). For your convenience, the Proposal Intent Response Form is provided in SECTION J - List of Attachments of this RFP, for this purpose.

FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERORS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER.

This Amendment revises the RFP as stated below:

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Questions and Answers

1. Question: Instead of Microsatellite testing could Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms or SNPs testing be used?
Answer: This would be acceptable if information can be provided to verify that it is an equivalent (or better) test method. If a SNP Panel is used would a panel need to be developed for each NCI strain. If yes how much time and money would this take? Please address these questions in your proposal if you choose to use this method.
2. Question: What specific biochemical markers is the RFP looking for and what kind of output readout is required.
Answer: The biochemical markers would be used to distinguish two or more strains of the same color housed in the same area at routine intervals between full screenings.
3. Question: In addition of SNP markers if a company is also able to do genotyping through PCR, Taqman, etc., of markers that could in many cases replace a biochemical assay, could some of these biochemical markers be replaced by DNA technologies, therefore testing these at the DNA level?
Answer: Yes this would be acceptable.
4. Question: Is FACS analysis that can be done instead of biochemical assays, be a good alternative to some of the biochemical markers?
Answer: Yes this would be acceptable.
5. Question: Is it acceptable to submit a fixed price proposal instead of the cost reimbursement type called for in the RFP?
Answer: Yes as long as the technical proposal demonstrates the offerors technical understanding of the work to be accomplished and if their services are commercially available a commercial price list or similar information would help in the evaluation of their fixed price proposal.